MATTHEW VAN PELT

HEAD BASKETBALL COACH

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BASKETBALL EXPERIENCE IN 26 COUNTRIES

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An extremely driven & passionate FIBA certified head coach with basketball experience in 26 countries. Currently the winningest coach in Vietnam history as well as host of the highest win % in my Australian club's history.

CERTIFICATIONS

- FIBA Certified
- Sports Nutritionist
- Yoga Certified
- USA Basketball
- Jr. NBA
- Additional: Published Author

OWNER OF

- Pro Coaches Academy
- The Performance Lab
- Van Pelt Sports Management

ACHIEVEMENTS

- 5 VBA Championships in 6 Seasons
- 2026 VBA Supporter's Cup Championship, 19-1 Regular Season (best of all time), Most PPG in league history
- 2025 VBA Championship, Supporter's Cup, & Best Record in VBA History with Hanoi Buffaloes (22-1)
- 3 Straight VBA championships with Saigon Heat & winningest coach in Vietnam history
- Won 5 consecutive VBA Supporter's Cups
- Led Saigon Heat to best ever record, #1 overall seed, & first ever Finals appearance in Asean Basketball League
- 2025 & 2026 Best Records in League History, 2023 & 2026 VBA Coach of the Year, & 2025 & 2022 Runner-Up VBA Coach of the Year
- 2023 - Nominated Foreign Expert Coach of the Year in Vietnam
- Led Vietnam National Team to VBA 3x3 Championship, FIBA Asia Qualifying Round, First ever 3x3 Silver Medal in Southeast Asia Games, & first ever 5v5 FIBA win
- Inherited an 11th placed team in Australia NBL1 & finished top 4 with exact same local roster
- Won Gold Medal Coaching in French Polynesia

Head Coach: Hou Chon Basketball Club, Macau, East Asia Super League (2026)

Head Coach: Hanoi Buffaloes, Vietnam VBA (2025-26)

International Scout, two Japan B League Teams (2025)

Head Coach: Goldfields Giants, Australia NBL1 (2024)

Head Coach: Saigon Heat, Vietnam VBA & ABL (2021-24)
Head Coach: Saigon Heat U19, Vietnam (2019-20)

Head Coach: Vietnam Men's 5v5 & 3x3 National Teams (2022 - 2026)

Head of Player Development: Cambodia Men's National Team (2018)

Assistant Coach: PEA Basketball Club, Thailand 1st League (2017)

Assistant Coach: OSK Basketball Club, Thailand 1st League (2016)

Assistant Coach: Great Lakes Christian College, USA, NCCAA (2015)

Head Coach: USA Select Team, Tahiti (2015)

Assistant Coach: Rockford High School, USA (2014)

Head Coach: U17 Grand Rapids Storm, USA (2014)

Player Development Coach: Jason Otter School of Basketball, USA (2011-2013)

Played 4 years of college basketball & then played professionally in 13 countries (2009 - 2018)